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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Vargas, Jaime; et. al.  
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.  
Title: Sutureless Closure and Deployment System for Connecting Blood  
Vessels  
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Examiner: Daniel J. Davis Group Art Unit: 3731  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action of September 4, 2003.

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